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FEMA Independent Study Courses-ICS Core Curriculum

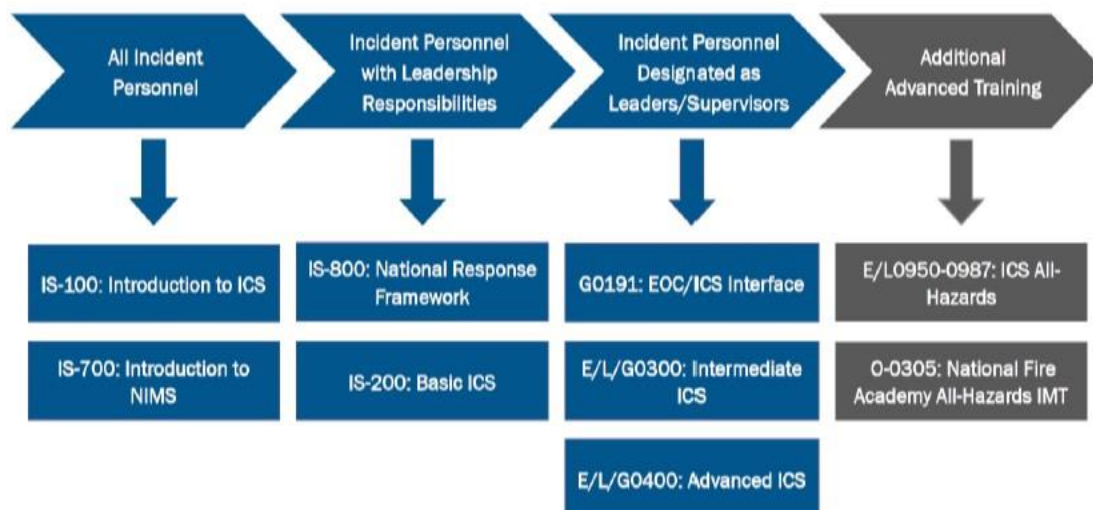
FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment.

EMI recently completed the rollout of their revised Incident Command System curriculum, including the four primary ICS core curriculum courses. The independent study courses serve as the foundation for advanced training, and certification in the four core courses- IS100.c, IS200.c, IS700.b, and IS800.d, is often required for enrollment in most KDEM courses, as well as those offered by our National Domestic Preparedness Consortium partners, such as the Center for Domestic Preparedness.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) has undergone three major revisions in their curriculum since it was first introduced in 2006, the most recent being completed in 2019. Even if you have taken these courses in the past, it's a good idea to have certification in the most current version of these core curriculum courses- in fact, many programs require the student have the most current version of these core curriculum courses before being allowed into intermediate and advanced level programs. Following is a flowchart defining the ICS Training Progression, with links to each independent study course on the next page:

B. ICS Training Progression

Personnel who will operate within ICS (field personnel) follow the ICS training progression. Each AHJ determines how far individuals need to progress based on their role within ICS and the size and complexity of the incident. See Figure 3 for details.



FEMA IS100: Introduction to ICS

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>

FEMA IS200: Basic ICS for Initial Response

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.c>

FEMA IS700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>

FEMA IS800: National Response Framework, An Introduction

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-800.d>

A FEMA Student Identification Number (SID) is required to register for any FEMA Independent Study course, as well as most all FEMA/DHS courses. The SID serves as a personal identification number instead of providing individually identifiable information or your Social Security number, and streamlines the enrollment process:

<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

In light of the restrictions and limitations to training that the COVID-19 situation has imposed on individuals and agencies, FEMA Independent Study courses are a great option for obtaining or refreshing your knowledge and updating your certifications! If you have specific questions on any of these training courses, or if you require any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the KDEM Preparedness Branch by emailing your inquiries to KDEMtraining@gmail.com